

Section 4 - Sport-Specific and Operations Policies

4.0 Scope and Purpose

These Sport-Specific and Operations Policies establish required standards, procedures, and responsibilities governing registration, eligibility, league participation, equipment, facilities, communications, safety, officiating, and sport-specific administration. These requirements apply to all board members, commissioners, coaches, volunteers, officials, parents, and participants involved in TSA-sanctioned activities.

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, removal from participation, loss of privileges, or other corrective measures as determined by the Board.

These policies shall be reviewed annually and updated as needed to reflect changes in league requirements, legal obligations, insurance standards, facility agreements, and organizational operations.

4.1 Registration Procedure : This subsection governs player registration, participation eligibility, and administrative participation requirements.

Registration Periods and Deadlines

- Deadlines shall be strictly enforced to allow for roster formation, uniform ordering, league submissions, and insurance coverage.
- Late registrations may be accepted at the commissioner's discretion and may be subject to additional fees or waitlist placement.

Required Forms and Waivers

- All participants must submit complete registration forms, liability waivers, codes of conduct acknowledgements, and any league-required documents prior to participation.
- Incomplete or missing documentation shall delay or prevent participation.

Payment Requirements

- Registration fees must be paid in full by the advertised deadline unless a scholarship, sponsorship, or payment plan has been approved in writing.
- Approved payment methods shall be limited to those designated by TSA.
- Failure to complete payment arrangements may result in removal from rosters or denial of participation.

Scholarships

- When selecting options for payment during the registration process, those that select 'I need a sponsor' will be sent a sponsorship form to be filled out prior to registration ending for that specific sport.
- The parents/guardians of each participant needing a registration scholarship are expected to volunteer in the concession stand for 1 hour for every \$10 of scholarship funding needed.

- If the parent/guardian does not full fill their volunteer hours prior to the start of the next sports registration, then both registrations (previous season and future season) are expected to be paid in full prior to the close of the second sports registration.

Roster Confirmation

- Rosters shall be finalized and approved by the commissioner prior to the first scheduled practice or game.
- Changes after confirmation require commissioner approval.

Eligibility Verification

- No participant may practice, compete, or participate in team activities until all registration and eligibility requirements are verified and approved.

Registration Communications

- Official registration communications shall be distributed exclusively through TSA-approved platforms.
- Unauthorized communications or representations regarding registration are prohibited.

4.2 Player Eligibility and Placement Rules : This subsection establishes standards for player eligibility determination and division placement decisions.

Age Verification

- Age eligibility shall be determined by the established cut-off date for the applicable sport and league.
- TSA reserves the right to request and retain proof of age documentation.

Residency Requirements

- Residency or service-area eligibility requirements shall be enforced when applicable.
- Documentation may be required for verification.

Outside Area Participation

- Participation by non-service area players requires prior written approval and may be limited by roster capacity or league rules.

Division Placement Criteria

- Player placement shall consider age, skill level, safety, prior experience, and applicable league requirements.

Player Advancement Requests

- Requests must be submitted in writing and reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- No advancement is guaranteed.

Compliance with League Rules

- All eligibility and placement decisions must comply with governing league standards.

Documentation Responsibility

- Parents or guardians are solely responsible for providing accurate and timely documentation.

4.3 League Participation Standards : This subsection governs TSA participation in external leagues and sanctioning bodies.

League Identification

- Each sport shall formally identify the league or governing body under which it operates for the season.

Rule Maintenance

- Commissioners shall maintain current and accessible copies of league rules and distribute critical updates promptly.

Policy Conflict Resolution

- Conflicts between TSA policies and league rules shall be escalated to the Board for resolution prior to enforcement.

Coach and Official Communication

- Coaches and officials must be briefed on league rules, expectations, and any TSA-specific modifications.

League Compliance

- TSA shall meet league requirements including fees, rosters, certifications, reporting, and deadlines.

4.4 Equipment and Uniform Policy : This subsection governs equipment issuance, care, and accountability.

Issuance and Inventory Control

- All TSA-owned equipment shall be tracked using an inventory system.
- Equipment remains TSA property unless explicitly transferred.

Coach Equipment Responsibility

- Coaches are responsible for proper use, care, and return of assigned equipment.

Safety Inspections

- Equipment shall be inspected regularly and removed from use if unsafe or damaged.

Uniform Standards

- Official uniforms and accessories must comply with TSA-approved specifications.

Alteration Prohibitions

- Alterations without approval are prohibited and may result in replacement costs.

Lost or Damaged Property

- Participants may be held financially responsible for lost or damaged items.

Ordering and Distribution

- Uniform timelines shall be established and communicated each season.

4.5 Practice and Facility Use Rules : This subsection governs facility access and conduct.

Scheduling Authority

- All practice and game schedules must be approved by the commissioner.

Facility Access

- Access is limited to approved locations, dates, and times.

Use Priority

- TSA maintains priority for scheduled activities.

Weather Decisions

- Weather decisions shall prioritize safety and comply with facility policies.

Supervision and Conduct

- Coaches are responsible for supervision, safety, and discipline.

Facility Care

- Facilities must be left clean and undamaged.

Property Protection

- Misuse or vandalism may result in disciplinary action or financial responsibility.

4.6 Game Protest Procedure : This subsection outlines formal protest processes.

Eligibility to File Protests

- Only designated representatives may submit protests.

Timing and Submission Deadlines

- Protest deadlines are strictly enforced.

Documentation Requirements

- Protests must include required documentation and details.

Protest Fee Requirements

- Fees, when required, must accompany the submission.

Submission Routing

- All protests shall be submitted through the commissioner.

Commissioner Authority and Escalation

- Decisions may be appealed per TSA or league procedures.

Coordination with League Rules

- League protest rules shall govern where applicable.

4.7 Communications and Social Media Policy : This subsection governs official communications.

Designation of Official Communication Channels

- Only TSA-approved platforms may be used for official communications.

Administration and Access Controls

- Platform access is restricted and monitored.

Privacy and Media Consent

- Consent is required before publishing personal information or images.

Public Statements and Media Responses

- Media inquiries require prior approval.

Unauthorized Communications

- Unauthorized representation may result in disciplinary action.

4.8 Sport-Specific Operating Procedures : This subsection establishes the standardized sports operations.

Season Calendars and Timelines

- Each sport shall operate under a season calendar approved by the commissioner that identifies key dates including registration periods, practices, games, post-season play, meetings, and league deadlines.
- Calendars shall be communicated prior to the season start and adhered to unless modified with approval.

Registration Prerequisites

- All registration, eligibility, and documentation requirements must be completed and verified prior to a participant's involvement in any practice, game, or team activity.

Team Formation Processes

- Team formation methods, including drafts, evaluations, and placement criteria, shall be documented in advance and applied uniformly to ensure fairness, transparency, and compliance with league and TSA standards.

Tryouts and Evaluations

- When applicable, tryouts or player evaluations shall follow published procedures approved by the commissioner.
- Evaluation criteria, scoring methods, and placement decisions shall be applied consistently.

Coach Meeting Requirements

- Preseason coach meetings are mandatory and shall be conducted by the commissioner or designee.
- These meetings shall cover league rules, safety expectations, conduct standards, schedules, and administrative responsibilities.

Scheduling Responsibilities

- Commissioners shall assign clear responsibility for practice and game scheduling, including coordination with facilities, leagues, and opposing teams.

Officiating Coordination

- Procedures shall be established for securing, scheduling, and communicating with officials in coordination with league requirements.

Uniform and Equipment Distribution

- Uniform and equipment distribution shall be conducted in accordance with TSA inventory controls and timelines.

Implementation of League Rules

- All applicable league rules shall be implemented, communicated, and enforced consistently throughout the season.

4.9 Officials and Umpire Administration Procedure : This subsection governs officiating oversight.

Assignment and Scheduling Authority

- Officials shall be assigned and scheduled by the commissioner or designated coordinator to ensure qualified coverage for all games and events.

Rules Communication

- Officials shall be provided with current league rules, playing standards, and any TSA-specific modifications prior to assignments.

Payment Procedures

- Payment of officials shall follow TSA-approved financial procedures, including documented approval, rate schedules, and required payment timelines.

Issue Reporting and Escalation

- Concerns regarding official performance, conduct, or rule application shall be documented and escalated to the commissioner.
- Repeated or serious issues may result in removal from the assignment pool.

Training and Meeting Requirements

- Officials may be required to attend preseason meetings, training sessions, or rules clinics as determined by TSA or league standards.

4.10 Event Safety and Incident Management Procedure : This subsection establishes safety and incident response standards.

Accident and Incident Documentation

- All accidents, injuries, or incidents shall be documented within the first 48 hours using TSA-approved reporting forms and submitted according to established timelines.

Weather-Related Safety Procedures

- Weather safety protocols, including heat, lightning, and severe weather procedures, shall be enforced consistently across all sports and facilities.

Facility Incident Reporting

- Facility-related hazards, damage, or safety concerns shall be reported promptly to TSA leadership and facility authorities.

Required Notifications

- Notifications to insurers, the Board, or governing bodies shall be made when required

by policy, law, or insurance agreements.

4.11 Disciplinary Standards : This subsection integrates TSA conduct enforcement.

Incorporation by Reference

- All disciplinary standards applicable to coaches, players, parents, and spectators are incorporated by reference to applicable TSA disciplinary policies and codes of conduct.

Coach Ejection Consequences

- Consequences for coach ejections shall be applied as stated in Section 2 - Coaching, Team Administration, and Conduct Policies

Probation and Reinstatement

- Probationary periods, corrective actions, and reinstatement requirements shall be enforced as specified in TSA policy.

Event Removal Standards

- Coaches, parents, players, or spectators may be removed from events when conduct violates TSA standards or jeopardizes safety.

Complaint Submission Requirements

- Conduct-related complaints must be submitted in writing within 24 hours to be considered.

Behavioral Penalties

- Penalties shall apply for profanity, alcohol use, tobacco use, harassment, or unsportsmanlike conduct in accordance with TSA policy and codes of conduct.

4.12 Coaching Administration Requirements : This subsection governs coach eligibility and conduct.

Coach Application and Approval

- All coaches must submit an application prior to the start of the sports season.

Minimum Age Requirements

- Head coaches shall meet a minimum age of 21 yo.

Participation Requirement

- A head coach's child must be rostered on and participate with the team being coached, unless there is authorization by the Executive Board.

Parent Meeting Requirements

- Required parent meetings shall be conducted using TSA-approved agendas and documented attendance.

4.13 Background Check Requirements : This subsection establishes screening standards.

Approved Screening Source

- Background checks shall be completed using the TSA-designated screening provider

only.

Disqualifying Offenses

- A person shall be disqualified and prohibited from serving in a covered role if the person has been found guilty of one of the following crimes:
 - Persons shall be disqualified with a lifetime ban from the covered role if they are guilty of a violent felony, or any sexual felony offenses.
 - Applicants shall be disqualified if they have been guilty of all other felonies or more than one (1) alcohol or drug related offense within the past ten (10) years of the date of application.
 - Applicants shall be disqualified if they have been guilty of any violent misdemeanor or any sexual misdemeanor offenses within the past seven years of the date of application.
 - Applicants shall be disqualified if they have been guilty of any alcohol or drug misdemeanor or any other misdemeanor that is a potential danger to children or directly related to the functions of the covered role within the past three (3) years of the date of application.

Notice and Appeal Procedures

- Individuals shall receive written notice of disqualifications and may pursue appeals in accordance with TSA policy.

Pending Charge Disclosure

- Disclosure of pending criminal charges is required immediately upon occurrence.
- A person who has been charged with any disqualifying offenses or for cases pending in court will be prohibited from serving in a covered role until the official adjudication of the case.